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**CHHS SECRETARY ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA  
PRIVACY AND SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD  
FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

*The Advisory Board is a major step forward in the Governor's efforts to bring the  
benefits of electronic health information technology to California*

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SACRAMENTO – Secretary Kim Belshé announced today the establishment of the California Privacy and Security Advisory Board (CalPSAB). The Board is composed of representatives from the healthcare industry, privacy and consumer organizations. The PSAB will oversee and coordinate a statewide collaborative process to identify privacy and security standards and policies necessary for the safe exchange of electronic health information in California.

This effort will substantially advance efforts to have a healthcare system that will protect and safely move a person's health information so that it is available when it is most needed while ensuring patient privacy. "This effort is being undertaken in recognition that establishing and building standards for privacy and security is critical in moving to widespread use and adoption of electronic health information exchange," said Sec. Belshé.

On September 30, Sec. Belshé appointed to the CalPSAB the following members:

- Pam Dixon, Interim, Co-Chairperson, Executive Director, World Privacy Forum, San Diego, California
- Rory Jaffe, Interim Co-Chairperson, Executive Director, Medical Services, University of California, Office of the President, Oakland, California
- Karen Johnson, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Health Care Services, Sacramento, California
- Cindy Ehnes, Director, Department of Managed Health Care, Sacramento, California
- Joanne McNabb, Chief, Office of Privacy Protection, Department of Consumer Affairs, Sacramento, California
- Greg Franklin, Assistant Executive Officer, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento, California
- David Nelson, Privacy Officer, County of San Diego, California State Association of Counties, San Diego, California
- Todd Ferris, Associate CIO of IT Services, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California
- Laura LaCorte, Associate Senior Vice President of Compliance, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- Lynn Rolston, CEO, California Pharmacists Association, Sacramento, California
- Dorian Seamster, Deputy Director of Policy, California Primary Care Association
- Pamela Lane, Vice President, Health Informatics, California Hospital

Association, Sacramento, California

- William Barcellona, Vice President of Government Affairs, California Association of Physician Groups, Sacramento, California
- Lynn McCullough, Board Member of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Los Angeles, California
- LaVonne LaMoureaux, Executive Director, California Health Information Association, Fresno, California
- Christopher Ohman, President and CEO of California Association of Health Plans, Sacramento, California
- Paul Smith, M.D., Policy Advisory, American Association of Retired Persons, Huntington Beach, California
- Ken McEldowney, Executive Director, Consumer Action, San Francisco, California
- Carol Henton, Vice President State And Local, Information Technology Association of America, San Mateo, California
- Veenu Aulakh, Senior Program Officer, California HealthCare Foundation, Oakland, California

The first meeting of the PASB is scheduled for October 17, 2007 in Sacramento. Additional information about the Board and subsidiary committees is available at: [www.ohi.ca.gov](http://www.ohi.ca.gov) or call Bobbie Holm at 916-651-6906.

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